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SUBJECT: SOVIET CITIZEN WALK-IN

1. SERGEY ALEKSANDROVICH STROGANOV, A SOVIET CITIZEN FROM MOSCOW IN HIS LATE TWENTIES, RUSHED PAST MILITIA AT APPROXIMATELY 0950 AUG. 18 AT ENTRANCE TO CHANCERY AND MADE HIS WAY TO NINTH FLOOR MARINE DESK WHERE HE ASKED FOR ASYLUM. EMBOFF SPOKE TO STROGANOV, EXPLAINED IMPOSSIBILITY OF GRANTING ASYLUM IN SOVIET UNION AND SUGGESTED THAT SHORTER TIME HE SPENT IN CHANCERY, THE LESS DIFFICULTY HE WOULD HAVE IN EXPLAINING HIS ACTION TO MILITIA.

2. STROGANOV ACCEPTED REFUSAL OF ASYLUM, BUT ASKED TO STAY IN CHANCERY, FIRST "UNTIL EVENING", THEN FOR ONE HOUR. HE WAS PERSUADED TO LEAVE AFTER 10 MINUTES AND AT APPROXIMATELY 1010 WAS ESCORTED PAST MILITIA GUARDS (BY THEN REINFORCED) BY EMBOFF. EMBOFF WATCHED HIM WALK AROUND CORNER WITHOUT MILITIA ACTION, BUT STROGANOV WAS QUITE PROBABLY PICKED UP AFTER HE ROUNDED CORNER.

3. HARD TO TELL IF STROGANOV WAS REAL ARTICLE. HE SEEMED GENUINELY AGITATED AND CRIED FOR FEW MINUTES UPON REALIZATION HE WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE. ON OTHER
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HAND HE ACCEPTED REFUSAL OF ASYLUM REQUEST WITH NO PARTICULAR FUSS OR EFFORT TO MAKE SPECIAL CASE FOR HIMSELF NOR DID HE SEEM PARTICULARLY UPSET AT FIRST SIGHT OF THREE MILITIAMEN WAITING FOR HIM AT EXIT FROM CHANCERY.
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